

**AIM: MERC**

**Merchant Securities Group plc**

**("Merchant Securities" or the "Company")**

**Issue of Equity**

The Company announces that application has been made for the admission to AIM of 33,332 new ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares"), pursuant to the exercise of options by employees of the Company. The new Ordinary Shares rank pari passu with the Company's existing issued ordinary shares, and dealings are expected to commence on 10 November 2010.

Following Admission, the Company's enlarged issued share capital will comprise 46,930,602 ordinary shares. Therefore the total number of ordinary shares with voting rights is 46,930,602. This figure of 46,930,602 ordinary shares may be used by shareholders in the Company as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change in their interest in, the share capital of the Company under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

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